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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
BISHOP WHITE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY.

EPISCOPAL ROOMS,
October 17, 1871.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING of the SOCIETY was held in the Episcopal Rooms this evening:

Vice President James S. Newbold in the chair.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers was presented, ordered to be read at the Anniversary Meeting, and referred to the Board for publication.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Society proceed to the election of Officers and Managers for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Aertsen, W. B. Whitney and Dillard committee to make nominations.

The Committee withdrew for that purpose, and subsequently reported the following list of gentlemen, who were thereupon elected:

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PRESIDENT, *Ex Officio*.

RT. REV. WM. BACON STEVENS, D. D.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

REV. M. A. DE W. HOWE, D. D.,	MR. JOHN WELSH,
“ WM. SUDDARDS, D. D.,	“ JAS. S. NEWBOLD,
JAMES M. AERTSEN.	

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JAS. S. BIDDLE, 1714 Locust Street.

TREASURER.

THOMAS LATIMER, 125 S. Fifth Street.

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“ RICH. NEWTON, D. D.,	“ EDWARD S. BUCKLEY,
“ B. WATSON, D. D.,	“ B. G. GODFREY,
“ J. D. NEWLIN,	“ JOHN LAMBERT,
“ C. M. BUTLER, D. D.,	“ W. B. WHITNEY,
“ J. W. CLAXTON,	“ ISAAC STARR, JR.,
“ THOS. F. DAVIES,	“ F. RATCHFORD STARR,
“ ALBRA WADLEIGH,	“ ORLANDO CREASE,
“ J. DE W. PERRY,	“ THOS. H. MONTGOMERY,
“ E. A. HOFFMAN, D. D.,	“ JAMES S. WHITNEY,
“ JOHN A. HARRIS,	“ JOHN S. NEWBOLD,
“ PERCY BROWNE,	“ GEORGE C. MORRIS,
MR. SAMUEL WAGNER,	“ HENRY K. DILLARD,
“ WILLIAM WELSH,	“ JOHN P. RHOADS,
“ ALFRED HORNER,	“ WM. W. FRAZIER, JR.,
“ R. R. MONTGOMERY,	“ W. W. MONTGOMERY,
“ LEMUEL COFFIN,	“ ALFRED ZANTZINGER, M D.,

*GEORGE W. RUSSELL.

* Declined.

The Society then adjourned, to meet at the call of the Committee upon Anniversary.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

November 26, 1871.

The Society met this evening pursuant to adjournment:

Vice President M. A. De Wolfe Howe, D. D., Bishop elect of Central Pennsylvania, in the chair.

Evening prayer was read by the Rev. Albra Wadleigh, assisted by the Rev. William Suddards, D. D.

Vice President James M. Aertsen read the Annual Report of the Society, a copy of which is hereto appended.

The Anniversary Sermon was preached by the Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, D. D., of the Diocese of Long Island, from the text: "Holding forth the word of life." Philippians, Ch. 2, v. 16.

A collection was taken up, amounting to \$175.92, and the Society adjourned.

JAMES S. BIDDLE,

Secretary.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BISHOP WHITE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society appear before you this evening with a report that they are almost *ashamed* to present.

Ashamed!—*not for themselves*, because they have done what they could to reach the ears, and move the hearts of their friends in behalf of the Society. But, *for others*, from whom they think they had a right to expect more active sympathy and aid than this report will show—for those *beyond* the limits of our own city, who have received largely of our benefactions, while they have contributed to our funds an amount so *utterly insignificant*, that we hesitate in writing it.

Had there not been, providentially, at hand some money that we could honestly use, we must have contracted our distribution fully one-half, or found ourselves in debt at the end of the year.

The following tables will explain this.

The distribution of Prayer Books during the past year, has been :

Of the 18mo. edition, . . .	6,384 copies.
“ 32mo. “ . . .	251 “
German, . . .	18 “
Total	<u>6,653 copies.</u>

Distributed as follows:

In Pennsylvania,	2,758 copies.
Indiana,	300 “
Virginia,	345 “
North Carolina,	176 “
Nebraska,	50 “
Iowa,	150 “
New Jersey,	392 “
Texas,	190 “
Minnesota,	200 “
Illinois,	150 “
Tennessee,	250 “
California,	500 “
Kentucky,	61 “
Florida,	50 “
Mississippi,	75 “
Missouri,	100 “
District Columbia,	50 “
Louisiana,	75 “
Ohio,	25 “
Georgia,	50 “
Maryland,	50 “
South Carolina,	75 “
Maine,	50 “
Public Institutions,	250 “
Seamen,	281 “
Total,	<u>6,653 copies.</u>
In 23 Dioceses.	

The Treasurer's Report shows the receipts for the past year to have been from collection at the last

annual meeting and contributions from churches and individuals in the CITY OF PHILAD'A. . .	\$1,053	72
State of Pennsylvania out of city, . .	107	63
Tennessee, . . .	\$10	05
Virginia, . . .	5	00
Iowa,	5	00
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Total contributions for the year,	\$1,181	40

There remained in the hands of the Treasurer on the 1st of October, 1870, \$599.33; \$450 of which was from a legacy to the Society from the estate of the late Mrs. Gumbes, received at the close of the previous year.

During the year just closed we have received a legacy from the estate of Mrs. Harriet Miller, a colored woman, \$500.00; and, through the kindness of the executor of the late Thos. M. Clark, the Treasurer has been permitted to anticipate a part of a legacy from that estate, \$400.00—thus enabling him to pay our publishers for the books distributed, and leaving a balance in his hands about sufficient to pay for books ordered since his accounts were closed.

We thus start upon our new year free from debt, thanks to a kind Providence who has put into the hearts of His servants the will to furnish the means to that end.

A glance at the figures just read, however, will show the condition in which we would have been placed, but for these providential supplies in the shape of legacies, upon which of course we cannot rely for the future.

Our distribution has been to all who ask, in TWENTY-THREE DIOCESES, while from those outside of our own we have received contributions from only *three*, and in the aggregate only \$20,—and while the larger part of the books distributed in Pennsylvania have gone beyond the limits of the city, the parishes in the State outside of the city have contributed only \$107.

We are quite aware that these words will be heard only by those who have given the most generously and received but little in return; yet we feel bound thus to present the facts, hoping that by some means they may reach the ears or the eye of those who have thus neglected us. Never in the history of the society have we received so little from abroad.

The Board of Managers do not feel justified in spending all the money received from legacies upon the free distribution of books, because it will be absolutely necessary at an early day to procure a new edition of the Prayer Book. The plates now used are nearly worn out, and we have waited to see what the General Convention would do in regard to the psalms and hymns, before venturing upon that undertaking; but it must be done very soon.

The distribution of the year now closed, was, we are happy to say, much in excess of that of the previous year, about thirty per cent., but that is not all—in the last annual report it was stated that “an earnest appeal had been received from the Rev. J. W. Cook, through Mr. Wm. Welsh, for aid in publishing an edition of the Prayer Book in the Yankton dialect of the Dakota language.”

The book could not be published here; it could only be done under the direct supervision of the missionaries themselves. To that end the Board appropriated the sum of \$750, which was deemed sufficient to cover the cost.

We have, therefore, the great satisfaction of reporting to the Society that not only to our own people, and in our own tongue, have we afforded the opportunity of the worship of the Church, but that far off and oppressed people are like partakers of the blessing through our instrumentality. A single paragraph from the address of Bishop Clarkson, at the great missionary meeting in Baltimore, will illustrate the magnitude of that blessing.

In speaking of these Indians he said:

“We have there now eight clergy; five of those are native Indians, ordained within a few years past; we have three white clergy; we have three mission houses; we have over 400 communicants; *we have the Prayer Book translated into their own language, and used Sunday by Sunday with as much heartiness, and with as much apparent apprehension as by this congregation, or any congregation in the land.* Oh! how I wish that you could, on some beautiful Sunday, hear ringing out in their own tongue, there by that vast congregation, “Greenland’s icy mountains,” and

“Just as I am, without one plea,
Save that thy blood was shed for me.”

It will be remembered also, that in 1867–8, this society published, under the supervision of Bishop

Payne, an edition of the Prayer Book in the GREBO language, which is now used by the church in Africa.

Thus to two of the most oppressed and degraded people on the earth, we have given the blessing and comfort of our Liturgy.

Had we accomplished nothing more than this, it would amply repay all that the church has expended for the society.

The Managers have but little more to say. To eulogize the Prayer Book; to tell of the constant demand for it, or of the absolute need of it throughout the whole of our vast country, would be but a repetition of what has been better said over and again, and what the members of the society perfectly understand.

The outlying Dioceses seem to have forgotten that money is required to pay for our books, although the record of the past year shows that they have *not* forgotten where to get them when wanted for their own use. Nevertheless, we cannot refuse when so wide a field opens before us for the free distribution of our Liturgy. The Indians, now learning our language and conforming to our civilization; the colored population of the South, scattered by the late war, forsaken by their old protectors, and not yet cared for by the church; our missionary Bishops in their vast fields; the missionaries and pastors in their isolated places, surrounded by those unacquainted with the church service, all want and ought to have the Prayer Book.

This society, honored, as it is throughout the whole country, should have the ability, not only to meet every demand made upon it, but to seek opportunities

to place its books wherever they will be used, and to distribute them with a generous and unstinted hand.

The Board of Managers do not speak extravagantly in saying that there is scarce any limit to the number of copies that might be distributed judiciously.

The Bishop of Oregon wants now 500 copies. He may not ask the whole number from us, but must get them somewhere. The other missionary Bishops will each require quite as many. Add to this the demand that ought to come, and probably *will* come, from missionaries, pastors and lay readers throughout this broad land, and you can measure the opportunities for good that lie before us.

What we shall do, therefore, in this respect, is a question solely depending for solution upon the amount of money placed at our disposal.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

BISHOP WHITE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY,

1870.

Oet. 18,	By Balance in the hands of the Treasurer.....	\$599 33
22,	" Cash from St. Mark's Ch., Phila. per Isaac L. Starr.	67 20
22,	" George L. Harrison, Esq., Phila. (St. Luke's).....	50 00
31,	" St. James' Ch., Kingsessing, Pa.....	12 78
Nov. 9,	" Centre Mission Christ Ch., Germ'town, Pa.	15 00
Dec. 15,	" Sunday-schools of St. Peter's Ch., Phila...	5 00
29,	" Estate of Harriet Miller, dee'd, per Right Rev. W. B. Stevens, D. D.....	500 00

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Jan. 11,	" R. R. Montgomery, annual subscription....	5 00
	" Church of St. James the Less, Phila.....	10 00
	" Church of All Saints, Lower Dublin, Pa....	15 00
	" Rev. S. S. Atwell, Petersburg, Va.....	5 00
	" Collection at annual meeting.....	95 85
	" J. M. Aertsen, annual subscription.....	5 00
14,	" Rev. D. L. Miller, D. D., St. Mark's Ch., Frankford, Phila.....	20 00
14,	" Thomas Latimer, annual subscription.....	5 00
17,	" Mr. Boyle, Shamokin, Pa.....	5 00
18,	" E. S. Buckley, annual subscription.....	5 00
19,	" W. W. Montgomery, annual subscription..	5 00
27,	" St. George's Ch., Kenderton, 28th Ward, Phila.....	5 18
	" Calvary Ch., Germantown, Phila.....	30 00
30,	" K. B.....	50 00

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Feb. 2,	By cash from	Rev. A. H. Boyle, Shamokin, Pa.	\$5 00
10,	"	Trinity Ch. Oxford, per Rev. E. Y. Buchanan	34 14
	"	Miss E. B. Wheeler, annual subscription...	5 00
	"	" E. J. Wheeler,	5 00
11,	"	Franklin Bacon,	5 00
	"	George C. Morris,	10 00
Feb. 17,	"	Graee Ch. Phila., per Rev. W. Suddards, D. D.	35 00
Mar. 6,	"	Episcopal Hospital, Phila., per S. R. Knight, to pay for 100 books.	27 00
11,	"	Mrs. Charles M. Henry, Eddington, Bucks Co., Pa.	1 00
16,	"	John Ashhurst, annual subscription.	5 00
	"	J. L. Claghorn,	5 00
	"	Thos. Robins,	5 00
	"	Thos. C. Hand,	5 00
	"	Thos. H. Kirtley,	5 00
	"	N. P. Shortridge,	5 00
	"	" additional.	25 00
	"	F. A. Lewis,	5 00
	"	J. E. Caldwell,	5 00
	"	D. B. Cummins,	5 00
	"	W. B. Whitney,	5 00
	"	W. W. White,	5 00
	"	E. C. Mitchell,	5 00
	"	W. C. Houston,	15 00
29,	"	Thos. H. Montgomery,	5 00
30,	"	L. H. Redner,	5 00
	"	R. M. Lewis,	5 00
	"	C. W. Cushman,	5 00
	"	B. G. Godfrey,	5 00
	"	J. H. Brazier,	5 00
	"	R. P. McCullagh,	5 00
	"	Frederick Brown,	10 00
	"	J. S. Biddle,	5 00
	"	Miss Eliza'th N. Biddle,	10 00
	"	Miss Hannah S. Biddle,	5 00
	"	Miss Catharine C. Biddle, annual subscription	5 00
	"	J. V. Merriek, annual subscription.	5 00
	"	W. L. Rehn,	5 00

March 30,	By cash from John V. Cope, annual subscription.....	\$5 00
	“ J. V. Merrick, per St. Timothy Ch.....	12 00
	“ J. S. Whitney, annual subscription.....	5 00
	“ W. H. Merriek.....	5 00
Apr. 5,	“ Day School of St. Peter's Ch., Phila.....	5 00
12,	“ Church of the Redeemer, Seaman's Mis- sion, per Rev. R. B. Erben.....	5 00
	“ John F. Rhoads.....	5 00
May 15,	“ Alfred Horner, annual subscription.....	5 00
	“ John S. Newbold, “.....	5 00
	“ E. J. Taylor, for books for St. Matthew's Ch., Phila.....	3 00
	“ H. K. Dillard, annual subscription.....	5 00
	“ “ donation.....	5 00
	“ W. K. R., Phila.....	10 00
	“ St. Thomas' Ch., Phila.....	6 45
	“ Free Ch. of St. John's, Phila.....	10 05
	“ Rev. J. H. Bowles, Memphis, Tenn.....	5 05
27,	“ Samuel Wagner, Sr., Phila.....	5 00
June 1,	“ William S. Grant.....	5 00
	“ Miss A. E. Biddle.....	5 00
	“ Lawrence Lewis.....	5 00
	“ Geo. W. Taylor.....	5 00
	“ Isaac Welsh.....	5 00
	“ Peter McCall.....	5 00
9,	“ Immanuel Ch., Holmesburg, Phila.....	8 12
12,	“ John Welsh, Phila.....	5 00
	“ John Welsh, Jr., Phila.....	5 00
	“ George W. Biddle, “.....	5 00
	“ J. S. Newbold, “.....	5 00
	“ O. Landreth, “.....	5 00
	“ Aaron Thompson, “.....	5 00
June 12,	“ Thomas Cain.....	5 00
	“ Samuel Welsh.....	5 00
15,	“ St. Peter's Ch., Phila.....	100 00
20,	“ J. H. H. Millett, Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge, Scranton, Pa.....	3 29
30,	“ St. Stephen's Ch. Wilkesbarre, Pa.....	31 70
	“ Christ Ch., Media, Pa.....	10 00
July 4,	“ Church of the Incarnation, Phila.....	34 70
6,	“ St. David's Ch., Manayunk, “.....	25 00
18,	“ St. John's Church, Carlisle, Pa.....	14 04
	“ St. Mark's Church, Nashua, Iowa.....	5 00

Aug.	2,	By cash from Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Pa,	\$10 00
	21,	" St. David's Church, Radnor, Pa.....	5 00
Sept.	7,	" Miss Snyder, Selin's Grove, Pa.....	2 00
	14,	" Church of the Mediator, Phila.....	25 00
		" Superintendent of City Mission.....	2 25
		" Mrs. J. J. Bailly, Shelby Co., Tenn.....	5 00
		" Rev. A. H. Boyle, Shamokin, Pa	5 00
	26,	" Rev. Jno. A. Childs, D. D., executor of the estate of Thos. M. Clarke, dec'd....	400 00
		" Stephenson H. Smith.....	5 00
Total amount.....			\$2,680 73

1870.

March	3,	To cash paid King & Baird.....	\$155 01
	3,	" A. J. Nichols, services at Epis. rooms.....	2 50
	21,	" Episcopalian, acknowledgment.....	15 80
Dec.	3,	" King & Baird.....	125 06
	21,	" Expenses at annual meeting.....	7 85

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Jan.	4,	" King & Baird.....	160 06
Feb.	4,	"	283 97
Mar.	4,	"	232 40
	16,	" Commissions.....	20 20
Apr.	5,	" King & Baird.....	259 85
	11,	" Acknowledgment, Episcopal Register.....	2 40
	21,	" William Welsh, Esq., for publishing the Prayer Book in the Yankton Dakota language, on account.....	500 00
May	15,	" King & Baird.....	130 61
		" Advertising annual meeting.....	1 00
	25,	" Commissions	3 00
June	16,	" King & Baird.....	201 00
	20,	"	32 62
	12,	" Commissions	4 00

Sept. 14,	To cash paid Jno. S. Newbold, over payment.....	\$5 00
25,	“ King & Baird.....	336 37
“	“ Acknowledgment in the Churchman.....	8 60
“	“ King & Baird.....	44 22
Oct. 1,	To Cash Balance in hand this day.....	149 21
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		\$2,680 73

THOMAS LATIMER,
Treasurer

October 1, 1871.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

City of Philadelphia.....	\$1,953 72
State of Pennsylvania.....	107 63
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From State of Pennsylvania.....	\$2,061 35
Virginia.....	5 00
Iowa.....	5 00
Tennessee.....	10 05
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	\$2,081 40

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